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TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 27 November 1950

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1. On 31 October 1950 it was observed that Camp Hannelspring in the Templin (N 54/U 81) area consisted primarily of small wooden barracks, each about 20 meters long, 4 to 5 meters wide and capable of accommodating about 30 soldiers. The barracks had roofs of raw lumber, some covered with tarpaper. Most of the barracks did not have chimneys. There were several storage sheds, wooden garages and parking lots scattered over the entire camp area. There were some large wooden buildings in about the center of the camp. These were apparently a motion picture theater, messhalls, and officers' billets. The camp roads, about 6 meters wide, were unimproved forest lanes which had been packed solid by traffic. The windows of about 90 percent of the barracks were boarded up.
2. The guard personnel in the northern section of the camp numbered about 400. About 50 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were observed repairing and boarding up barracks in the northeastern camp section. Trucks [REDACTED] were parked beside these troops. About 30 other soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets cut wood on the western edge of the drill field. A truck [REDACTED] hauled timber. Patrols were observed throughout the camp area. [REDACTED]
3. A pontoon bridge was observed near the Kannenburg lock. Four lean-to roofs serving as tank shelters, and two wooden garages were located north of the lock. [REDACTED]
4. About 20 soldiers with trucks [REDACTED] felled trees along the road running northwest toward Iychen.
5. Local residents stated that troops who had stayed in the maneuver area left about three weeks ago, going to their winter quarters in Bernau, Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde. *

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[redacted] Comment. The report confirms previous information by another source that most of the elements of both the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the 25th Tank Div left the Templin maneuver area, and that only small labor and guard details of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and of headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army remained in the camp. [redacted] The JS tank and the two trucks belonged to the 25th Tank Div, probably to a rear detail or salvage detail. For a sketch of Camp Hammelspring, drawn from memory, see Annex.

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